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15. WE HAVE ALREADY MADE SEVERAL PROPOSALS TO SOLVE THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE AND WE DO NOT FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LACK OF PROGRESS THUS FAR. WE HAVE BEEN AWAITING NEW PROPOSALS FROM YOU AND HAVE HEARD NONE.

16. SINCE WE APPEAR UNABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION OF HUNGARY, WE SUGGEST THAT WE AGREE TO REACH SOME MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE AND THEN MOVE ON TO PLENARY SESSIONS. SUCH A COMPROMISE SHOULD BE IN TERMS WHICH WOULD NOT PREJUDICE THE POSITIONS OF EITHER SIDE ON THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS OF HUNGARY, EITHER FOR THE CURRENT ROUND OF EXPLORATIONS OR FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES. IT SHOULD ALSO LEAVE THE WAY OPEN TO RETURN TO THE QUESTION OF THE INCLUSION OF HUNGARY EITHER DURING THE EXPLORATIONS OR IN
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THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

17. WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO FIND A FORMULATION WHICH WOULD RECORD THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES ON A COMPROMISE KEEPING THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE OPEN. WE ARE AT THIS STAGE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THIS POSSIBILITY IN TERMS OF CERTAIN CONCEPTS RATHER THAN IN SPECIFIC WORDING.

18. LET ME SUMMARIZE:

A. THUS FAR IN OUR CONTACTS HERE, WE CONSIDER THAT BOTH SIDES ARE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND EQUALLY MOTIVATED TO COME TO A SOLUTION WHICH WILL NOT CAUSE DIMINUTION IN THE SECURITY OF EITHER SIDE. YOU HAVE MENTIONED YOUR SECURITY INTERESTS CONCERNING HUNGARY. WE TOO HAVE SECURITY INTERESTS WHICH CONCERN HUNGARY. WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH SIDES THEREFORE HAVE A COMMON PROBLEM.

B. OUR SUGGESTION IS THAT WE ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THIS COMMON PROBLEM IN A WAY WHICH IS REASONABLE AND FAIR, WHICH WOULD FULLY PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES, AND IN WHICH NEITHER SIDE WOULD GAIN A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE.

C. IT IS QUITE CLEAR FROM THE RECORD OF OUR DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA THAT IT WAS NOT THE WESTERN COUNTRIES, BUT THE SOVIET UNION WHICH RAISED THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE, THUS SINGLING OUT HUNGARY.

D. IT IS A FACT THAT THE ISSUE BETWEEN US CONTINUES TO BE HUNGARY ALONE. EVEN THE MENTION BY YOUR SIDE OF ITALY, WHICH IS NOT A PART OF CENTRAL EUROPE, HAS BEEN EXPLICITLY PRESENTED BY YOU AS BEING FOR BARGAINING PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE INCLUSION OF HUNGARY.

E. THUS, HUNGARY CONTINUES TO BE THE SOLE ISSUE AT STAKE. WE SUGGEST IT BE HANDLED IN A NEUTRAL WAY, WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR ADVANTAGE TO EITHER SIDE. IF YOUR AUTHORITIES WISH TO GET THE PLenaries STARTED, AS WE DO, WE BELIEVE THEY SHOULD AGREE TO TREAT THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE IN THE NEUTRAL WAY WE PROPOSE.

F. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO REACH A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE SOLUTION.

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19. A. WE DO NOT WISH AT THIS STAGE TO APPROACH THE QUESTION IN TERMS OF DRAFTING OR OF PRECISE FORMULAE, BUT IN TERMS OF A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CONCEPTS.

B. WE ALREADY HAVE ON THE TABLE A PAPER WHICH, THE HUNGARIAN ISSUE ASIDE, EMBODIES MOST OF THE DECISIONS ON PROCEDURES THUS FAR REACHED IN OUR TALKS. THIS IS THE PAPER WE SENT YOU ON FEBRUARY 9. WE SUGGEST THAT WE USE THAT PAPER AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE, MODIFYING IT APPROPRIATELY.

C. IN THAT SENSE, ONE MIGHT, AS AN EXAMPLE, CONSIDER OMITTING HUNGARY FROM THE LIST OF COUNTRIES IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE ALLIED PAPER OF 9 FEBRUARY AND INSERTING OTHER LANGUAGE IN THE PARAGRAPH INSTEAD OF THIS LISTING. FOR EXAMPLE, IN VIEW OF THE REFERENCE IN PARAGRAPH 1 TO DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS, A POINT MIGHT BE ADDED TO THE GENERAL EFFECT THAT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNGARY PARTICIPATES IN FUTURE DECISIONS WILL BE RESOLVED AT A LATER STAGE.

D. IF THIS WERE TO BE AGREED, WE COULD ADD THAT THE NATURE OF SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT PREJUDICE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER HUNGARY WOULD BECOME A PARTY TO POSSIBLE FUTURE AGREEMENTS.

E. IT WOULD BE NATURAL UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WHATEVER OVERALL ARRANGEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THESE CONSULTATIONS IS FINALLY AGREED, IT WOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS SOME OTHER PARTICIPATION ARRANGEMENT IS MUTUALLY AGREED.
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